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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND
NOTICE OF ONGOING LITIGATION UNDER MPEP 2001.06(c) INVOLVING U.S.
PATENT 6,396,273

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant submits this *Information Disclosure Statement* (IDS) to comply with the duty of disclosure as codified in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, this IDS is thus filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). This IDS contains, and/or is accompanied by, the information required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

Applicant requests the Examiner to consider each of the references listed on FORMS PTO-1449 (attached hereto), and to enter the same into the record of this application for patent. The Examiner is advised, however, that all except three of the references cited on the attached FORMS PTO-1449 were disclosed and made of record in the parent application for patent (i.e., U.S. Application 10/151,491,

now U.S. Patent 6,714,013), the grandparent application for patent (i.e., U.S. Application 09/776,132, now U.S. Patent 6,396,273), the great-grandparent application (i.e., U.S. Application 09/512,093, now abandoned), or the great²-grandparent application for patent (i.e., U.S. Application 08/979,842, now U.S. Patent 6,040,697). Copies of those earlier-submitted references can be found in the corresponding application files, and copies of the three new references are provided herewith and introduced below.

I. Notice of Pending Litigation Related To U.S. Patent 6,396,273, Pursuant To MPEP §2001.06(c)

As he did with the Information Disclosure Statements filed during prosecution of the aforementioned parent application, Applicant hereby notifies the USPTO of litigation relating to U.S. Patent 6,396,273 ("273 patent"), which is the patent that issued from the aforementioned grandparent application. This notice is provided pursuant to MPEP §2001.06(c).

The litigation was instigated by Medrad, Inc. ("Medrad"), the assignee of the present and the aforementioned prior applications, against MRI Devices Corporation ("MRIDC"): Medrad, Inc. v. MRI Devices Corporation, filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania on November 25, 2002, under Civil Action No. 02-2044 ("the Patent Action").

At the start of this Patent Action, Medrad filed a Motion for a Preliminary Injunction by which it seeks to enjoin MRIDC from

making, using and selling a multi-coil transmit-receive array ("MRIDC product") that Medrad believes is covered by one or more claims of the '273 patent. In its defense, MRIDC alleges that the '273 patent is invalid and unenforceable, and it also denies infringement of its claims. A hearing on the Motion For Preliminary Injunction ("Hearing") was convened between April 28, 2003, and May 1, 2003 before Magistrate Judge Robert C. Mitchell ("Magistrate Judge"). In a *Memorandum Order* issued 13 August 2003, U.S. District Judge McVerry adopted the recommendations that the Magistrate Judge made in a *Report and Recommendation* (R&R) dated 29 May 2003. In that *Report and Recommendation*, the Magistrate Judge recommended that (1) Medrad's motion for a preliminary injunction be denied; (2) MRIDC's motion for summary judgment to invalidate claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 16 and 23 of the '273 patent be granted; and (3) MRIDC's motion for summary judgment of noninfringement of the '273 patent be dismissed as moot.

Two days before District Court Judge McVerry issued his *Memorandum Order* adopting the R&R, the USPTO allowed the claims of the aforementioned parent application¹. Several of those allowed claims are similar to those at issue in the Patent Action. Moreover, the claims of the parent application were allowed over the (alleged) prior art cited in the R&R and in all of MRIDC's briefs

¹ This application (i.e., U.S. Application 10/151,491) has since been granted as U.S. Patent 6,714,013.

filed in the Patent Action, all of which were submitted to the USPTO by Applicant in the aforementioned parent application.

Medrad has since filed an appeal with the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC), CAFC Case No. 04-1134. Specifically, on 23 February 2004, Medrad filed an appeal brief in which it (1) summarizes the facts of the case; and (2) argues that the District Court erred (a) in its claim constructions and in its rulings on invalidity of certain claims in the '273 patent and (b) in its decision to deny Medrad's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. On 29 April 2004, MRIDC filed a response brief in which, among other things, it (1) summarizes the facts of the case from its point of view; and (2) presents arguments in which it asserts that the District Court was correct in its rulings on the invalidity of certain claims and in its denial of Medrad's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. On 28 May 2004, Medrad filed a reply brief in which, among other things, it (1) replies to MRIDC's statements of the facts of the case; and (2) presents arguments supporting its interpretation of certain terms in the claims of the '273 patent.

II. References and Litigation Documents

Listed below are the three new references (i.e., litigation documents) recently filed with the CAFC in the Patent Action. They are provided to convey to the Examiner the subject matter of the

lawsuit, and particularly to update the Examiner on the latest developments in the Patent Action.

1. Brief of Plaintiff-Appellant Medrad, Inc. ("*Medrad Appellate Brief*);
2. Brief of Defendant-Appellee MRI Devices Corporation ("*MRIDC Response Brief*); and
3. Reply Brief of Plaintiff-Appellant Medrad, Inc. ("*Medrad Reply Brief*").

These documents are identified in the accompanying FORMS PTO-1449 as items DF, DG, and DH, respectively.

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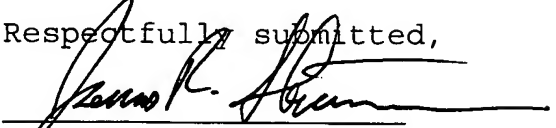
This IDS discloses information concerning pending litigation relating to the '273 patent, a patent to which the above-identified application claims priority. Because such information may be deemed relevant to the patentability of the pending application, the new documents listed above are now made of record to assist the USPTO in its examination. The Examiner is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) to consider these new documents fully --along with those submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed in connection with the aforementioned prior applications-- and to independently ascertain their relevance to the pending application.

Applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to initial the attached PTO-1449 forms in the places indicated and to return copies of those initialed forms to the undersigned as evidence that the

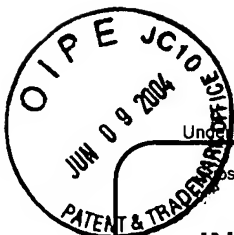
submitted documents were considered during examination of the pending application at issue.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this IDS, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number listed below.

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	AF	US- 4,793,356	12/27/1988	Misic, et al.	
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	AL	US- 5,394,087	2/28/1995	Molyneaux	
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	AY	US- 5,664,568	9/9/1997	Srinivasan, et al.	
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	BA	US- 5,998,999	12/7/1999	Richard, et al.	
	BB	US- 6,040,697	3/21/2000	Misis	
	BC	US- 6,137,291	10/24/2000	Szumowski, et al.	
	BD	US- 6,150,816	11/21/2000	Srinivasan	
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	BJ	"Knee Foot and Ankle Array," produced and sold by MRI Devices Corporation of Waukesha, WI under Model No. KFA, Product Data, CE0413 (July 2000).	
	BK	International Search Report for Counterpart PCT Application No. PCT/US98/23454.	
	BL	Memorandum Order, Medrad, Inc. vs. MRI Devices Corporation, Civil Action No. 02-2044, August 13, 2003.	
	BM	Transcript of Testimony of Dr. Arne Reykowski at the Hearing ("Reykowski Transcript").	
	BN	Deposition of Dr. Gregor Adriany ("Adriany Deposition").	
	BO	Expert Report of Dr. Peter B. Roemer Concerning Noninfringement of Claims 1,2,3,5,16 and 23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,396,273 ("Roemer Noninfringement Report").	

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	BT	MRI Devices' Memorandum Supporting Its Motion for Summary Judgment to Invalidate Claims 1,2,3,5,16 and 23 of U. S. Patent No. 6,396,273 (MRIDC's Memo Supporting Invalidity Motion").	
	BU	Appendix In Support of MRI Devices' Motion for Summary Judgment to Invalidate Claims 1,2,3,5,16 and 23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,396,273 ("MRIDC's Appendix to Invalidity Motion").	
	BV	Medrad's Opposition To MRI Devices' Motion For Partial Summary Judgment To Invalidate Certain Claims Of U.S. Patent No. 6,396,273 ("Medrad's Opposition to MRIDC's SJ Motion to Invalidate").	
	BW	MRI Devices' Reply Supporting Its Motion For Summary Judgment to Invalidate All Asserted Claims of U. S. Patent No. 6,396,273 ("MRIDC's Reply").	
	BX	Appendix in Support of MRI Devices' Reply Supporting its Motion for Summary Judgment to Invalidate All Asserted Claims of U. S. Patent No. 6,396,273 ("MRIDC's Appendix to Reply").	
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